

MICHAEL KESSLER

Michael Kessler was born in 1954 in Hanover, Pa.
He received a B.F.A. degree from Kutztown University.
He currently lives and works in Santa Fe, N.M.

AWARDS / FELLOWSHIPS

1990 - Rome Prize, Painting, American Academy in Rome, New York, N.Y.-Rome, Italy
1992 - Pollock/Krasner Award, Painting, New York, N.Y.
1985 - Awards in Visual Arts-Five, South Eastern Center for Contemporary Art
1977 - Whitney Independent Study Program, Whitney Museum of American Art
1983 - Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, Grant in Painting

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2024

Callan Contemporary, New Orleans, Louisiana

2023

Gallery MAR, Park City, Utah
Ann Korologos Gallery, Basalt, Colorado

2022

Gallery MAR, Park City, Utah
Schmidt/Dean Gallery, Philadelphia, Pa.

2021

Callan Contemporary, New Orleans, Louisiana
Gallery MAR, Park City, Utah
Ann Korologos Gallery, Basalt, Colorado

2020

Gallery MAR, Park City, Utah

2019

Gallery MAR, Park City, Utah
Schmidt/Dean Gallery, Philadelphia, Pa.
Ann Korologos Gallery, Basalt, Colorado

2018

Gallery MAR, Park City, Utah

2017

Gallery MAR, Park City, Utah
Butters Gallery, Portland, Oregon

2016

Gallery MAR, Park City, Utah

2015

Schmidt/Dean Gallery, Philadelphia, Pa.
Gallery Mar, Park City, Utah
Avran Gallery, Laguna Beach, California
Ann Korologos Gallery, Basalt, Colorado

2014

Gallery MAR, Park City, Utah
Paia Contemporary Gallery, Maui, Hawaii
Butters Gallery, Portland, Oregon
Patricia Rovzar Gallery, Seattle, Washington
Madison Gallery, La Jolla, California
Chery HAZAN Gallery, NYC

2013

Callan Contemporary, New Orleans, La.
Paia Contemporary Gallery, Maui, Hawaii
Russell Collection, Austin, Tex.
Gallery Mar, Park City, Utah

2012

Schmidt/Dean Gallery, Philadelphia, Pa.
Gallery Mar, Park City, Utah
Paia Contemporary Gallery, Maui, Hawaii
Dean Day Gallery, Houston, Tex.
Joseph Gieriek Fine Art, Tulsa, Okla.
Artamo, Santa Barbara, Calif.

2011

Gallery Bienvenu, New Orleans, La.
Madison Gallery, La Jolla, Calif.
Butters Gallery, Portland, Ore.
Paia Contemporary Gallery, Maui, Hawaii
Argazzi Art, Lakeville, Conn.
Ann Korologos Gallery, Basalt, Colo.
Russell Collection, Austin, Tex.

2010

Paia Contemporary Gallery, Maui, Hawaii
Mark Gallery, Englewood, N.J.
Lanoue Fine Art, Boston, Mass.
Gallery Mar, Park City, Utah

2009

Melanee Cooper Gallery, Chicago, Ill.

Friesen Gallery, Seattle, Washington
Joseph Gierck Fine Art, Tulsa, Okla.
Schmidt/Dean Gallery, Philadelphia, Pa.
Gallery Bienvenu, New Orleans, La.
Art Cube Gallery, Laguna Beach, Calif.
Madison Gallery, La Jolla, Calif.

2008

Nuart Gallery, Santa Fe, N.M.
Gallery Bienvenu, New Orleans, La.
Schmidt/Dean Gallery, Philadelphia, Pa.
George Billis Gallery, Los Angeles, Calif.
Artamo Gallery, Santa Barbara, Calif.
Schmidt Dean Gallery, Philadelphia, Pa.
Renee George Gallery, Charlotte, N. C.

2007

Butters Gallery, Portland, Ore.
Daniel Kany Gallery, Portland, Maine
Sense Gallery, Menlo Park, Calif.
Dean Day Gallery, Houston, Tex.
Lanoue Fine Art, Boston, Mass.

2006

Gallery Bienvenu, New Orleans, La.
Craighead Green Gallery, Dallas, Tex.
Melanee Cooper Gallery, Chicago, Ill.
Friesen Gallery, Sun Valley, Idaho
Schmidt/Dean Gallery, Philadelphia, Pa.
Allyn Gallup Contemporary, Sarasota, Fla.
Reed Savage Gallery, Miami, Fla.
Perry Nicole Fine Art, Memphis, Tenn.
Nuart Gallery, Santa Fe, N.M.

2005

Nuart Gallery, Santa Fe, N.M.
F8 Fine Art, Austin, Tex.
Sense Gallery, Menlo Park, Calif.
Butters Gallery, Portland, Ore.
Friesen Gallery, Seattle, Wash.

2004

Nuart Gallery, Santa Fe, N.M.
Magidson Fine Art, Aspen, Colo.
Schmidt/Dean Gallery; Philadelphia, Pa.
Allyn Gallup Contemporary, Sarasota, Fla.
Art Resources Gallery, Minneapolis, Minn.
F8 Fine Art, Austin, Tex.

2003

Nuart Gallery, Santa Fe, N.M.
Littlejohn Contemporary, New York, N.Y.
Butters Gallery, Portland, Ore.
Craighead/Green Gallery, Dallas, Tex.
Sense Gallery, Menlo Park, Calif.

2002

Nuart Gallery, Santa Fe, N.M.
Schmidt/Dean Gallery, Philadelphia, Pa.
Concept Art Gallery, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Port Jackson Fine Art, Laguna Beach, Calif.

2001

Bonfoey, Cleveland, Ohio
EVO Gallery, Santa Fe, N.M.

2000

Klein Artworks, Chicago, Ill.

1999

Littlejohn Contemporary, New York, N.Y.
Klein Art Works, Chicago, Ill.;
Mira Mar Gallery; Sarasota, Fla.
Schmidt/Dean Gallery; Philadelphia, Pa.

1998

Bemis Center of Contemporary Art, Omaha, Neb.
Craighead Green Gallery, Dallas, Tex.

1997

Littlejohn Contemporary, New York, N.Y.
Klein Art Works, Chicago, Ill.
Cline LewAllen Contemporary, Santa Fe, N.M.

1996

Littlejohn Contemporary, New York, N.Y.
Schmidt / Dean Gallery, Philadelphia, Pa

1995

Galleri Flessner, Helsingborg, Sweden
Bemis Center for Contemporary Art, Omaha, Neb.
Art Now Gallery, Gothenberg, Sweden
Klein Artworks, Chicago, Ill.

1994

Klein Artworks; Chicago, Ill.
Schmidt/Dean Gallery; Philadelphia, Pa.

Castellani Art Museum, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
Concept Art Gallery; Pittsburgh, Pa.

1993

Art Now Gallery; Goteborg, Sweden
Schmidt/Dean Gallery, Philadelphia, Pa.

1992

Klein Artworks, Chicago, Ill.
Allentown Art Museum, Allentown, Pa.
Castellani Art Museum, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
Schmidt/Dean Gallery, Philadelphia, Pa.
Mira Mar Gallery, Sarasota, Fla.

1991

Art Now Gallery, Goteborg, Sweden

1990

Nina Freudenheim Gallery, Buffalo, N.Y.
Klein Artworks, Chicago, Ill.
Schmidt/Dean Gallery, Philadelphia, Pa.
Jack Tilton Gallery, New York, N.Y.

1989

Art Now Gallery, Goteborg, Sweden

1988

Jack Tilton Gallery, New York, New York

1987

Barbara Krakow Gallery, Boston, Mass.
Jack Tilton Gallery, New York, N.Y.

1986

Art Now Gallery; Goteborg, Sweden
Fabian Carlsson Gallery, London, England
Wolff Gallery, New York, N.Y.

1984

Jack Tilton Gallery; New York, N.Y.

1983

Castellani Art Gallery, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2006

The Red Show: Cheryl Hazan Gallery, New York, N.Y.

2005

The History of the Galle: Kustera Tilton Gallery, New York, N.Y.

The Plane Truth, Friesen Gallery, Seattle, Wash.

Butters Brand, Butters Gallery, Portland, Ore.

2004

The Non-Objective Object: Friesen Gallery, Seattle, Wash.

Summer Group, Butters Gallery, Portland, Oregon

November in Sun Valley: Friesen Gallery, Sun Valley, Idaho

Gallery Artists: Nuart Gallery, Santa Fe, N.M.

2002

Nature Reined, Butters Gallery, Portland, Ore.

2001

Introductions, Butters Gallery, Portland, Ore.

2000

Pink and Red: Schmidt/Dean Gallery, Philadelphia, Pa.

Gallery Artists, Art Now Gallery, Gothenborg, Sweden

1999

After Nature II, Trevor Richardson, Herter Art Gallery, University of Works on Paper,

Schmidt/Dean Gallery, Philadelphia, Pa.

Gallery Artists, Klein Art Works, Chicago, Ill.

1998

Michael Kessler and Stephanie Weber, Bemis Center for Contemporary Art, Omaha, Neb.

Contemporary Abstraction, Klein Art Works, Chicago, Ill.

Gallery Artists, Schmidt/Dean Gallery, Philadelphia, Pa

A Few Great, Big Pictures: Mira Mar Gallery, Sarasota, Fla.

1997

Gallery Artists: LewAllen Contemporary, Santa Fe, N.M.

Exquisite Surfaces: Concept Art Gallery, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Gallery Artists, Klein Art Works, Chicago, Ill.

1996

Cuenca Bienal , Quito and Guayaquil, Equador /Phoenix Art David Rubin, Curator of

Contemporary Art, Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix, Ariz.

1995

Directors Choice: Horwitch/Lewallen Gallery, Santa Fe, N.M.

Museum, *Gallery Artists*: Klein Artworks, Chicago Ill.

Michael Kessler/James Bruss, Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Omaha, Na

1993

About Nature, Cleveland Center for Contemporary Art, Cleveland, Ohio curated by David Rubin, Curator of Contemporary Art, and C.C.C.A.

1991

Vital Forces: The Heckscher Museum, Huntington, N.Y.

Romantic Abstraction: Helander Gallery, Palm Beach, Fla.

Annual Exhibition, American Academy in Rome, Italy

Drawings and Poems: Michael Kessler and John Yau; Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa

1990

Five American Artists; Galerie D'Art, Copenhagen, Denmark

Inner Natures: Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, Calif.

1989

Four Painters, Flint Institute of Arts; Flint, Mich

1988

Pennsylvania Perspectives: Carnegie Mellon University Art Gallery, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Recent Acquisition: Allentown Art Museum, Allentown, Pa.

1987

Realism and Abstraction; The Newark Museum, Newark, N.J.

1986

Recent Acquisition; Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, N.Y.

More Than Meets the Eye; Galleria Carini, Florence, Italy

1985

More Than Meets the Eye; Fabian Carlsson Gallery, London, England

Awards in the Visual Arts-Five; Neuberger Museum, Purchase, N.Y.

Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, Ohio

Norton Gallery, West Palm Beach, Fla.

1984

New York-Outside New York; The New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York, N.Y.

Museum of Art Association, Monterey, Calif.

Sunrise Museums, Charleston, W.Va.

1983

Five Contemporary Artists; Allentown Art Museum, Allentown, Pa. Selections 22

The Drawing Center, New York, N.Y.

1980

In and Out of New York; White Columns, New York, N.Y.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

2013

Peter Frank, Michael Kessler: The Sense(s) of Abstraction, Catalogue Essay, Callan Contemporary, New Orleans, La.

2009

D. Eric Bookhardt, *Michael Kessler at Gallery Bienvenu*, New Orleans, *Gambit*, September, 2009

2008

Richard Speer, *Michael Kessler at Butters Gallery*, Portland, Oregon, *Art Ltd.* July, 2008

Kevin Costello, *Finding Solace in Abstracts*, *Sarasota Herald Tribune*, August 2008

Erin J. Smith, *Michael Kessler : Graftings*, *CASA Magazine*, November 2008

Colin Marshall, *Michael Kessler's Graftings*, *Santa Barbara Independent*, Nov. 2008

2006

D. Eric Bookhardt, *Scratching the Surface*, *Michael Kessler at Gallery Bienvenu*, New Orleans, *Gambit*, January, 2006

2005

Richard Speer, *Michael Kessler at Nuart Gallery*, Santa Fe, N.M. *ARTnews*, November, 2005

2004

Kevin Costello, *Kessler Landscapes Energetci, Enigmatic*, The Sarasota Harold Tribune

Roberta Fallon, Michael Kessler's New Paintings..., Philadelphia Weekly

2003

Richard Speer, Kessler at Butters Gallery, Willamette Week, Portland, Ore.

2002

Robert Nott, *Surface Matters*, Pasatiempo, The New Mexican

Edward J. Sozanski, *Features Weekend*, The Philadelphia Inquirer

Kurt Shaw, *Southwest Influences Pennsylvania. Native's Paintings*, The Pittsburgh Tribune

2001

Douglas Max Utter, *Mind Over Matter*, The Cleveland Free Times

1999

Trevor Richardson, *After Nature II*, Herter Art Gallery, and University of Mass. Amherst an Exhibition of Paintings by: Gregory Amenoff, Bill Jensen, Michael Kessler, Rebecca Perdum, and Katherine Porter

1997

Seidel, Miriam, "Michael Kessler at Schmidt/Dean and Littlejohn Contemporary", Art in America, July 1997

Ebony, David, "Michael Kessler at Littlejohn Contemporary, New York City", Art Net Magazine, April 1997

McCloud, Kathleen, "A Capricious Artistic Journey Beginning With Paint", Pasatiempo, The New Mexican

Victor M. Cassidy, Artnet Magazine, [http:// www.artnet.com/home.html](http://www.artnet.com/home.html) ,Forty to Fifty Layers

David Ebony, ArtNet Magazine , <http://www.artnet.com/magazine/reviews/>

[ebony/kessler.html](http://www.artnet.com/magazine/reviews/ebony/kessler.html)*David Ebony's New York Top Ten, Michael Kessler at Littlejohn Contemporary , NY*

1996

Altabe, Joan "Kessler's Subtle Paintings Reveal Depth", Sarasota Herald-Tribune, October 11, Yellin Outwater, Myra, "Move to Santa Fe Colors Michael Kessler's Paintings ", The Morning Call, Allentown, Pa.

Aguilar, Robert, "A Mystical Version of the Ecology", El Comercio, Cuenca, Ecuador

Rubin, David, "Elusive Nature", 1996 Cuenca Bienal, Cuenca, Ecuador

1995

Melrod, George, "Openings", Art and Antiques, November 1995, page 40

1994

Holg, Garrett. "Kessler at Klein-Chicago", Artnews, April, 1994, page 177

Kohen, Helen. "Michael Kessler's Roman Geometry", Miami Herald, April 6, 1994. page 14G

Wiens, Ann, "Kessler at Klein-Chicago", New Art Examiner, May 1994, page 44

1992

McCracken, David. "11 Years in Italy Catapults Kessler's Work", Chicago Tribune, (October 30)

McNear, Sarah. "Transcendental Spaces", Allentown Art Museum, Allentown, Pa.

1991

Noll, Anna "Vital Forces: Nature in Contemporary Abstraction", Heckscher Museum, Huntington, N.Y.

Sozanski, Edward. "On Galleries", The Philadelphia Inquirer, (April 16)

1990

Doll, Nancy "Inner Natures" Four Contemporary Artists; Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara

Carter, Holland. "Michael Kessler", Art News 89 (December), no.10, 165

King, Elaine A. Nature in the Age of Masscult. Jack Tilton Gallery, New York, N.Y.

Rubin, David S. The Paintings of Michael Kessler: Preserving Nature's Umbilical Chord; Klein Artworks, Chicago, Ill.

Stein, Judith. Michael Kessler: Paintings Nina Freudenheim Gallery, Buffalo, N.Y.

1989

Yau, John. Four Painters; Flint Institute of Arts, Flint, Mich.

Nature in Evolution; The Scandinavian Works; Art Now Gallery, Goteborg, Sweden

Cohen, Ronnie. "Michael Kessler", Art Forum 29 (November), no. 3, 169

Rice, Robin. "Cool Slate and Weathered Wood", Philadelphia City Paper (March 16)

Sozanski, Edward. "On Galleries", The Philadelphia Inquirer (March 4)

Wooster, Ann Sargent. "Michael Kessler", Arts Magazine 65 (December), no. 4, 82

Cyphers, Peggy. Arts Magazine 65 (January), no. 5, 107

Newhall, Edith. "Galleries", New York Magazine (September), 72

1988

Yau, John. Michael Kessler's View of the World; Jack Tilton Gallery, New York, N.Y.

1987

Carrier, David. "Michael Kessler: A Painter of Nature in the Era of Postmodernist Art", Arts Magazine no. 9, 32-33

Narrett, Eugene. "Michael Kessler", New Art Examiner 14 (April), no. 8, 45

Stapen, Nancy. "Michael Kessler", Artforum 25 (April),

Wineberg, Jonathan. "Michael Kessler", Art in America 75 (November), no.11, 180-181

Carrier, David. Michael Kessler; Jack Tilton Gallery, New York, N.Y.

1986

Hall, Jacqueline. "Arts Flourish Southside New York", The Columbus Dispatch (September 21)

Zimmer, William. "Winners on Parade at the Neuberger", The New York Times (May 11), 22, Westchester Section

Gambrel, Jamey. Awards in the Visual Arts 5: The Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art, Winston- Salem, N.C.

Yau, John. After the Fall; Fabian Carlson Gallery, London, England

1985

Bohn-Duchen, Monica. "Nine Painters from New York", Flash Art (October-November), no. 126, 56

Larson, Kay. "Fresh Faces for Summer" New York Magazine, 54-55

Raynor, Vivian. "Art: New York, an Anthology at the New Museum" The New York Times (June 22),

Schwabsky, Barry. "Exotica: A Different World" Arts Magazine 59 (March), no.7, 120-121

Yau, John. "Michael Kessler" Artforum 23 (February), no.6, 87 "Michael Kessler's Drawings: Gesture as Image", Sulfer 14 (December), 88-93

1984

Rifkin, Ned. New Work: New York/Outside New York: The New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York

Made in Philadelphia 6; Institute of Contemporary Art, Philadelphia, Pa.

Warren, Ron. "Michael Kessler at Jack Tilton Gallery", Arts Magazine 58 (Summer) no. 10, 34-35

61 (May),

1983

Kotik, Charlotta. Landscapes and Imagery: Paintings and Drawings by Michael Kessler; Niagara University, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Glueck, Grace. "Art-One Man's Biennial Assembles 102 Artists", The New York Times (April 15)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1999/2000

College of Santa Fe, Santa Fe, N.M.

1993/1995

Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pa.

1992/1993

Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.

SELECT MUSEUM COLLECTIONS

Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, N.Y.

Allentown Art Museum, Allentown, Pa. Archer M. Huntington Art Gallery, Austin, Tex.

Broad Foundation, Los Angeles, Calif.

Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Castellani Art Museum, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, Ohio DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park, Lincoln, Mass.

Fabric Workshop, Philadelphia, Pa.

Fine Arts Gallery, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

Flint Institute of the Arts, Flint, Mich.

Frederick R. Weisman Art Museum, Minneapolis, Minn.

Honolulu Academy of the Arts, Honolulu, Hawaii

Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa.

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Mass. Museum of Fine Arts, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Nassau County Museum of Art, Roslyn Harbor, N.Y.

The New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York

The Newark Museum, Newark, N.J. Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, Pa.

Reading Public Museum, Reading, Pa. Ringling Museum of Art, Sarasota, Fla.

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, Calif.

Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, Calif..

SELECT CORPORATE COLLECTIONS

Vitale, Caturano & Company, Ltd., Boston, Mass.
Golden Artist Color, Berlin, N.Y. Pfizer Inc., New York, N.Y.
PepsiCo, Camden, N.J. Price Waterhouse, Washington, D.C.
Boone County National Bank, Columbia, Mo.
Prudential Insurance Co., Newark, N.J.
Regent Hotel, Hong Kong Exxon, Houston Tex.
Comcast, Philadelphia, Pa.
Deloitte & Touché , Atlanta, Ga.
Austin Company, Cleveland, Ohio
El Paso Energy, Houston, Tex. Exxon Mobil, Houston, Tex.
Young, Conaway, Stargatt & Taylor, LLP Wilmington, Del. Ericsson, Gothengerg, Sweden
American Financial Group, NYC
First Union Bank, Philadelphia. Pa.
Compaq Computer, Houston, Tex.
Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., Allentown, Pa.
Bank of Boston, Boston. Mass.
Bank of Japan, New York
Chase Manhattan Bank, New York
Northwest Airlines, St. Paul, Minn.
Heller Financial, Chicago. Ill.
Rubenstein Co. Pittsburgh, Pa.
Phillips Service, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Freemarkets, Pittsburgh, Pa.
The Macy's Collection, Nevada
Buchanan Ingersoll, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Gateway Towers, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Morgan, Lewis, Bockius, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Tokio Marine Management, New York, N.Y.
Jacobson/Sylvester, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Tyson Corner, New York, N.Y.
Vanguard Group, Valley Forge, Pa.
Lincoln Financial Group. Pa.
Duff & Phelps, Chicago, Ill.
Penton Media Inc. Cleveland, Ohio
Lincoln Financial Group, Fort Wayne, Ind.
Hallmark Cards, Kansas City, Mo.
Rodale Press, Emmaus, Pa.
Scimed Life Systems, Inc., Minneapolis, Minn.
Sears Merchandise Group, Hoffman Estates, Ill.
SOHIO, Cleveland, Ohio
Vector Securities, Deerfield, Ill.
The St. Paul Companies, St. Paul Minn.
Hart Senate Building, Senator Specter's Office, Washington, D.C.
Voyageur Fund Managers, Minneapolis, Minn.

Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.